

Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year. He is a dedicated educator, an inspiration to his students, and an honorable public servant. Vicki and I wish Jeff and his family all the best for the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO ADALISSA ORTIZ

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Adalissa Ortiz, of Marshalltown, Iowa, and congratulate her on her acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C. from the 21st through the 26th of June 2010.

Chosen for her academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential, this forum will provide Adalissa with daily leadership oriented curriculum, as well as allow her to visit the historic sights of Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas.

The People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to promote cross cultural and political understanding, currently operates on all seven continents, has over 400,000 alumni and provides students with the opportunity to learn and establish the necessary tools to become an effective leader.

Madam Speaker, I commend Adalissa Ortiz for her commitment to academic and personal development. She is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Adalissa and her family in the United States Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

#### HONORING SUSIE LEVAN

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our community's most unique entrepreneurs, Susie Levan, who for years has been inspiring women in South Florida and beyond to achieve personal growth.

Susie is the founder of the Work-Life Balance Institute for Women and Balance Magazine, non-for-profit organizations that have been helping women in South Florida achieve a healthy balance between work and family life for more than ten years. "Health, wealth and happenings" are three guiding principles that Susie uses to empower women. She focuses on creating workshops, conferences, seminars, and forums to help women empower themselves and their families, lead better and healthier lives, and promote their businesses. She is also one of the hosts of Be(e) You Radio, a weekly radio program airing Sundays on 101.5 Lite FM in South Florida.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I ask that you join me in thanking and congratulating Susie Levan for her success in motivating women to change their lives and her commitment to helping others.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit a record of how I would have voted on Sunday, March 21, 2010 when I was unavoidably detained. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 159 and rollcall No. 168.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, due to other business, I missed votes on March 20, 2010. Had I been able to, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 148, an amendment offered by Mr. Bishop (UT); "aye" on rollcall vote No. 149, an amendment offered by Mr. Cole (OK); "aye" on rollcall vote No. 151, final passage of the Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 152, the TRICARE Affirmation Act; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 153, approving the Journal; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 154, Honoring the Life and Accomplishments of Donald Harington.

#### TRIBUTE TO RYAN GUERRA

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Ryan Guerra, of Perry, Iowa, and congratulate him on his acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C. from the 21st through the 26th of June 2010.

Chosen for his academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential, this forum will provide Ryan with daily leadership oriented curriculum, as well as allow him to visit the historic sights of Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas.

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Madam Speaker, I commend Ryan Guerra for his commitment to academic and personal development. He is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Ryan and his family in the United States Congress and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING DEANE BONNER

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the dedication and years of service that Deane Bonner has provided for Cobb County. Since 1997, Ms. Bonner has served as the Cobb County NAACP President, and she has chosen to step down from that post at the end of the year.

On Friday, February 12, members of the Cobb County community gathered at Chattahoochee Technical College to present Ms. Bonner with the inaugural "Celebrating Diversity in Cobb County Award." In an outpouring of support, Ms. Bonner was praised by countless numbers of people for her kind spirit, generosity, and years of service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I can personally speak to Ms. Bonner's commitment to Cobb County. I am fortunate to be able to call her a friend, and I know how her hard work to improve the community has gained her a wealth of respect from everyone with whom she has served.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Bonner steps away from the public spotlight at the end of the year, she will have very large—and difficult—shoes to fill. I would like to personally thank Ms. Bonner for her years of service to the NAACP and to Cobb County as a whole.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S ICON, BROTHER CLAUDE A. SHARRIEFF FRAZIER, FONDLY KNOWN AS CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF WINDOWS OVER HARLEM AND THE HOST OF NEWS & VIEWS AT 9:30 A.M., WPAT RADIO

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with the utmost humility, respect and admiration as I pay tribute to my dear friend, Brother Claude A. Sharrieff Frazier. As I speak with pride and honor for my friend Sharrieff, I ask us all to celebrate a life that was lived to the fullest and also to remember his love for life and community involvement and all the remarkable contributions he made to Harlem.

Claude Sharrieff Frazier, a veteran of World War II, a scholar, and one of Harlem's devoted townsmen and radio personalities, was born in Harlem, New York on December 13, 1925. He was raised from infancy by his grandmother, a native of Jamaica, a stern disciplinarian and a member of the historic St. Philip's Church at 134th Street in Harlem and also by his grandfather who was a respected elder of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He was reared and obtained his primary and secondary education in Harlem. He spent most of his childhood and adolescent years in St. Philip's learning about history and culture from the priests, curates, deacons, and lay readers. In the early 1960's, he visited Mosque No. 7 and shortly thereafter accepted the teaching and leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.